BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Comptroller of Public Accounts (comptroller) has performed 30 performance reviews of Texas school districts since 1991. These reviews provide the districts money-saving suggestions in order to direct more money to the classroom. An interim study by the House Committee on Public Education found the reviews to be one way to improve district efficiency. H.B. 2553 authorizes a district, by resolution adopted by the majority of members of the board of trustees, to request a review of that district and requires a district to pay 25 percent of the cost of the review.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2553 authorizes a school district, by resolution adopted by the majority of members of the board of trustees, to request a review of that district and requires a district to pay 25 percent of the cost of the review.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Seciton 403.020, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 403.020. New heading: PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Authorizes a review of a school district to be initiated by the Comptroller of Public Accounts (comptroller) or by the request of the school district. Authorizes a review to be initiated by a school board only by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board of trustees of the district. Requires the district to pay 25 percent of the cost incurred in conducting a review initiated by the school district. Sets forth actions to be taken by the comptroller.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.